

YouGov/Dignity In Dying Survey Results

Fieldwork: 30th August - 22nd September 2019

Sample Size: 502 UK Adults



Total

Under a proposed new law to legalise assisted dying for terminally ill, mentally competent adults, two doctors would independently assess whether the person is of sound mind and terminally ill with 6 months or less to live. The doctors would independently explore the reasons for the request for assisted dying, review the person's medical care, consult with other professionals and write the prescription for the life-ending medication. The patient would take this medication themselves. If this proposal became law, to what extent, if at all, would it increase or reduce your trust in doctors?

Base	502
Significantly increase trust in doctors	16%
Somewhat increase trust in doctors	19%
Make no difference	51%
Somewhat reduce trust in doctors	4%
Significantly reduce trust in doctors	5%
Don't know	5%
Net: Increase trust in doctors	35%
Net: Reduce trust in doctors	10%

Surveys of individual doctors show they hold a range of views on assisted dying. Some organisations that represent doctors, such as the Royal College of Physicians, have a neutral position on assisted dying. Others, such as the British Medical Association and the Royal College of General Practitioners are planning to ask their members what their position should be. What position do you think organisations that represent doctors should have on assisted dying?

Base	502
Support	46%
Neutral	37%
Oppose	9%
Don't know	8%